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Growing the Economy With Job Training

Looking on with Darius Kania, vice president of Lynn Welding in Newington, as one of his employees hired through Connecticut's STEP-Up program operates a welding machine. STEP-Up and other state programs allowed the company to bring on several employees and subsidize the cost of their wages while they received specialized training in aerospace manufacturing.

Your State Senator

Paul Doyle

Representing Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill & Wethersfield



With American Legion Post 75 Commander Phil Cacciola at Veterans State Park in Middletown where the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial will soon be located.



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Helping Seniors Age in Place



At my Senior Expo at the Cromwell Senior Center last fall.

Many older adults want to enjoy their golden years living in their own homes. In order to make this more achievable, a growing number of community providers are needed to meet the demand for community and home care.

This year, we expanded support for the Home Care Program for Elders. This highly successful program provides Connecticut's aging residents with a variety of helpful services to ensure they receive any nutritional assistance, medical and mental health care, or homemaker, companion and chore services they may need.

A Stronger Do Not Call List

Shady telemarketers are increasingly ignoring our "Do Not Call Registry" resulting in unwanted and intrusive telemarketing calls and text messages. As technology evolves it is easier to get around the law and employ high-pressure sales tactics. That's why we passed a law this year to help Connecticut crack down on violators by increasing penalties and prohibiting unsolicited text messages.

Supporting Local Agriculture

Local Farmers Markets have provided our neighborhoods with increased access to fresh, locally grown, certified organic fruits, vegetables and meat products. To further promote agricultural expansion, two Middletown groups have been awarded grants designed to increase farm production, promote Connecticut Grown products and create jobs. North End Action Team and Marine Bait Wholesale have received support from the Agriculture Department's Farm Transition Grant and Farm Viability Grant programs. Providing these organizations with state funding will ensure their ability to deliver locally sourced products offering consumers fresh options for years to come.



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Committed to Economic Recovery

Since the start of the global economic recession I've made it my mission as your State Senator to help small and mid-size businesses grow, create and retain jobs and put people back to work. As a result of bipartisan legislation, we launched the STEP-Up and Small Business Express programs which have assisted almost 2,000 of Connecticut's small businesses create or preserve more than 17,000 jobs. These initiatives offer job training support for veterans and the unemployed and low-interest loans and grants for small businesses.

Over the last four years we have created more than 65,000 jobs and our unemployment rate recently fell below 7 percent for the first time since 2009. However, our work is not done.

Looking forward, Connecticut's new partnership with United Technologies Corporation will solidify our position as a world leader in aerospace manufacturing. Most importantly, this agreement has a direct impact on the 75,000 jobs at the thousands of aerospace supply chain companies throughout the state, ensuring they are keeping and creating good-paying jobs with good benefits for men and women in nearly every city and town in Connecticut.



Listening to Rare Reminder Plant Manager Jim Klatt in Rocky Hill during a tour of their facility to see the new machinery the regional advertising newspaper company purchased with help from the state's Small Business Express Program.

Jobs for Veterans

I supported a bill that will remove barriers to entry into the civilian workplace for those who learned employable skills while in the service. This legislation will require state licensing authorities to accept military training and experience, where appropriate, as a substitute for other requirements, and will allow veterans to gain streamlined occupational certifications.



Veterans talk to employers at a Heroes for Hire job fair.

Resources to Grow Jobs

- **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress, or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or Michelle.Peters@ct.gov
- **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: www.stepct.com
- **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- **Job & Career Connection** for details on job and training programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org
- Learn more about **Job Growth in Connecticut**: www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



An Electric Consumers Bill of Rights

Recently, I stopped by the Newington Senior and Disabled Center to warn seniors about increased high-pressure sales tactics and misleading information from third-party electric suppliers. These companies use unfair marketing practices and sales gimmicks to attract

unsuspecting customers. That's why I fought to pass a "Bill of Rights" for electric ratepayers which requires more transparency in billing, sets marketing standards and prohibits coercive or deceptive sales practices.

A Rebate for Senior Renters

Being able to stay in their own home is a top priority for many senior citizens; however, this is a challenge for those living on a fixed income. In order to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses, we've re-opened the Elderly Renters' Rebate Program. Eligible persons may apply between April 1 and October 1. Questions about the program and payments should be directed to the **Renters' Rebate Hotline** at 860-418-6377.

A Smart Start for Our Kids

Recognizing there is no better way to set students on the path to lifelong learning success than a high quality pre-kindergarten experience, we created the Connecticut Smart Start program to provide 50,000 more children access to vital early education in our public schools. Combined with additional slots for private providers, our comprehensive pre-K package will reduce the achievement gap and ensure that children are ready to learn when they arrive at kindergarten. Every dollar invested in pre-K saves \$7 in avoided special and remedial education and criminal justice costs.



I was joined at Middletown's Snow School by Associate Superintendent Enza Macri and Kristan Dontfide, whose young son is currently enrolled in pre-K classes at the school, to rally for universal pre-K.